

Copper Canyon Fire & Medical District

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to notice, a SPECIAL MEETING of the Copper Canyon Fire & Medical District was called to order at 5:00 pm on Monday, February 24, 2020.

1. Call to Order

2. **Roll Call of Board Members**: Linda Welsch – Chairperson; Carol Keeton – Clerk; Brandi Bateman – Board Member; Steve Darby – Board Member at 4:42 pm; Justin Largent – Board Member

Staff: Terry Keller – Fire Chief; Robyn Cook – Administrative Manager

- 3. Salute to the flag of the United States of America and Moment of Silence to Honor all American Men and Women in service to our Country, Firefighters, and Police Officers.
- 4. Call to the Public: None
- 5. **Discussion, possible action or staff direction on approving the contract with HighGround, Inc. for consulting services.** Ms. Cook read the updated section in the contract to the Board with the changes of terminating the contract May 31, 2020 and a stipulation for a month-to-month clause for needed services after the termination date.

Board Member Keeton feels concerned about rushing forward should we spend \$25,000 for the information to advise the Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee.

Board Member Bateman feels this will educate the community about the Fire District needs and financial situation as well as inform the Board how the community sees the District. She also stated the information gained is also relative to our strategic plan.

Chairperson Welsch feels this is a good idea to continue moving forward with this process and getting the information.

Chief Keller explained that if the committee makes the recommendation to move forward with the bond election, we will have several months to educate the communities up until election day.

Board Member Keeton feels pushed into this, that it is not the right time and we are rushing forward, but she would like to see the results of the survey.

Board Member Darby feels \$25,000 is a lot to spend for the services. He feels like this will bring negative publicity to the District and has spoken with several residents and they do not support a bond.

Board Member Largent stated that this will give us the pulse of the communities and help with

our strategic planning.

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Board Member Bateman stated that we need to be as equally educated as our communities.

With no further discussion Board Member Bateman made a motion to approve the contract with HighGround. Board Member Largent seconded. Motion passed four ayes with Board Member Darby voting no.

8. **Adjournment:** Board Member Largent made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:02 pm. Board Member Bateman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk